

REMARKS

The foregoing specification amendments add the preferred subheadings at appropriate places within the specification, and they also incorporate several minor corrections and clarifying amendments. None of the amendments introduces new matter because each is based upon the international application as filed.

The claims as above amended present the claimed subject matter in the U.S. claim form to more particularly point out and more distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as his invention. Additionally, the claim amendments delete multiple claim dependency.

Attached hereto is an Abstract of the Disclosure presented on a separate sheet in conformity with the rules of practice.

Based upon the foregoing specification and claim amendments to this national phase application, it is believed that the application conforms with U.S. formal requirements. Additionally, because the amended claims as hereinabove presented conform in substance with the corresponding claims that were examined in the international application, and based upon the acceptance by the International Preliminary Examining Authority of the invention as it was claimed in the claims that were filed in the international application as meeting each of the novelty, the inventive step, and the industrial applicability criteria set forth in the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the claims in the present application are believed to conform with both U.S. formal and substantive requirements, and they are therefore believed to be in allowable form. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully solicited.

Should the examiner have any question after considering this amendment, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney in order that any such question can be

quickly resolved, so that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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